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CAMPUS Constitution To Go Before Assembly

Probe Proposes Student Leaders Elect Top Editors

The editor of the CAMPUS will be chosen by undergraduate leaders instead of by the paper's Senior Board if the constitution drafted by the CAMPUS investigating committee is adopted by the Men's Assembly and the Women's Student Union.

Other changes proposed by the committee, which was appointed by the men's and women's governing bodies are, 1. establishment of an editorial board of four members, instead of six; 2. provision to remove the editor from office for cause; 3. elections to held during the first week in May; 4. changes in the salaries in the top brackets to conform with the new editorial arrangements.

The major changes proposed are:

"Editor-in-chief. The outgoing editor-in-chief, together with the president of the Student Union, vice-president of the Student Union, speaker of the Men's Assembly, and president of undergraduates, shall form an electing committee. A written examination shall be given to all applicants, to be made out by the Editorial Board in conjunction with the faculty advisor of the CAMPUS. The results of this election shall be presented to the electing committee. An oral examination will be given by this committee to the applicants. Results of these two examinations, as well as consideration of service and ability, shall be the basis for election of the editor-in-chief.'

"Recall. If student reaction against the editor-in-chief is evident, a joint meeting of both assemblies may hear all complaints. If it is their opinion that the present editor-in-chief is unsatisfactory, they may instruct the electing committee to hold immediately an examination for a new editor-in-chief.

"The following salaries are suggested and recommended: editor-in-chief, $250; business manager, $225; managing editor, $175; advertising manager, $125; sports editor, $125."

The new CAMPUS Board will consist of the editor-in-chief, the managing editor, the business manager, and the advertising manager. The sports editor and the associate manager, a position not included in the new constitution, have been dropped. However, the sports editor will remain a paid member of the staff.

Another feature proposed is the election of assistant editors by the incoming and outgoing editors-in-chief and managing editors. Tryouts will not be advanced to the news staff until after passing an examination on the contents of a standard text on journalism, and at least three weeks service as a tryout.

This proposed constitution will be presented to the Men's Assembly and the Women's Student Union at a joint meeting April 27. Students are urged to express their views on the changes to their representatives.

PRIZE IS PRESENTED BY REID L. CARR '01

President Samuel S. Stratton recently announced a gift of $1,000 from Reid L. Carr '01. The income of this gift is to be awarded as a prize to "that male member of the senior class who has shown the greatest proficiency in English literature."

The prize is to be known as the "Reid L. Carr Prize," and will be awarded each year by the literature department.

Mr. Carr is president of the Columbia Carbon Company of New York City and is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and Phi Beta Kappa.

Goddard Players Will Stop at Midd

Two Plays To Be Given At Playhouse on April 30

The drama group of Goddard College, Plainfield, Vt., will present two one-act plays on Wednesday, April 30, at the College Playhouse. "The Shewing Up of Blanco Posnet" by George Bernard Shaw, and "The Marriage" by Gogol. Both a matinee and an evening performance will be presented.

The Middlebury Players will present two performances of the "Philadelphia Story" on April 30 at Goddard, the first such "exchange" ever made by a college dramatic group here. This action is a step toward the exchange of plays with other New England colleges in the future.

Acting for audiences outside of Middlebury will be valuable experience for the college players and will give them an opportunity to study the dramatic technique of other acting groups. On the Goddard tour, make-up, usually done by committees for campus performances, will be done by the cast, thus supplying additional training in an important phase of play presentation.

Erie T. Volkert, director of Middlebury productions and teacher of dramatic classes here, in evaluating the idea of play exchange said, "This offsets the discouragement felt by those working long hours on a play for just one performance. Acting for several audiences gives the cast the opportunity of getting reactions from an audience and presents real acting experience."

Goddard is a progressive, co-educational liberal arts college. The drama group, under the direction of Robert Kline, usually produces two plays a semester, and presents them for the entire community; it has toured several Vermont towns. Mr. Kline directed a theater in Berlin, Germany, in pre-Nazis days, and has taught dramatics at Rollins College, Florida, and other eastern colleges. While in Germany he worked with Peter Lorre, Francis Lederer and other prominent actors.

The sets for the Goddard program will be constructed by the Middlebury crew, while Goddard will prepare the stage for "The Philadelphia Story."

New "Directions" To Hold Contest In April 28 Issue

"Directions" is sponsoring a short story contest open to any Middlebury student, offering prizes of $25, $15, and $10.

There are no limitations on length or subject matter of the stories entered. They will be judged by the three students and three faculty members who compose the "Directions" editorial staff. The contest deadline is May 10.

In the forthcoming issue of the literary magazine, which will go on sale April 28, are printed the essays that won the contest held during the winter. First prize of $25 was awarded Paul D. Davis '47 for "Balancing the Budget in a Tottering World"; second prize of $15 went to Larzen P. Ziff '49, for "On the Knocking at the Door for Richard"; and third prize $10, to Joan C. Seidenman '47, for "Poetry—So What?"

This issue, thicker and more varied in content than the last, includes some woodcuts. The price remains the same, 25 cents, and agents will sell "Directions" in the dormitories after April 28.

Drive For WSSF To Be Conducted At Midd, May 5-9

Goal of $2000 Requested; Students, Organizations, Faculty To Be Solicited

A drive for the World Student Service Fund, led by Doris M. Smith '47 and Joan L. Biggs '48, will be conducted from May 5 through May 9.

The money will be used to buy food, books, and supplies for students in foreign countries. Middlebury's quota is $2,000. Other colleges throughout the United States have gone over their goals.

Every member of the undergraduate body and of the faculty will be asked to give donations. College organizations will be able to participate by buying space on a page contributed to WSSF in the May 1 issue of CAMPUS.

George H. Booth '47 and Virginia M. Knudsen '48 are in charge of canvassing the undergraduate body. Faculty canvassing is headed by Alice M. Elting '48 and Harriet A. Miller '49. Louise G. Laverie '50 is in charge of publicity.

Chairman of canvassing in the dormitories are: Gifford, John F. Bours '49; Starr, Paul J. Vyrros '47; Hillcrest and Kappa Delta Rho, James B. Brucks '48; Alpha Sigma Phi, Sigma Alpha and Theta Chi, Paul D. Davis '47; Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Chi Psi, Robert J. Simpson '49; off-campus men, Charles A. James '49; Hepburn, Marilyn A. Drake '48; Forest East, Eleuftheria X. Constant '48; Forest West, Marilyn A. Mackenzie '49; Pearsons, Mary E. Hemeon '49; Chateau, Anne Grimshaw '48; Battell, Barbara Bishop '49; Painter, Penelope D. Baker '49 and Jean M. Sloan '49; Hillside, Wright House and Homestead, Irmgard Nierhaus; graduate students, Herbert G. Stinson.

Midd Flying Meet Includes Bombing, Air Show in Plans

The Middlebury Flying Meet, which will start at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 3, will have flyers from 11 colleges, and contingents from the Civilian Air Patrol and Vermont National Guard participating, according to the latest plans announced by the Flying Club.

Spot landing, bombing, balloon breaking and streamer cutting will make up the four events of the two-day affair. The events will be run continuously until they have been completed on Sunday.

Lieut. Col. William M. Bowden and the 134th Fighter Squadron of the Vermont National Guard will present a half-hour air show on Sunday that will exhibit four types of army aircraft, including the famed P-47 and C-47 of World War II. Army AT-6 trainers and P-47 Thunderbolt Fighters are scheduled to do aerobatics.

Captain Roberts of the U. S. Army will bring the Civilian Air Patrol unit from Montpelier and other groups from the same organization are expected from elsewhere in the state.

Tickets for the raffle for airplane rides are still available. At least ten free rides will be given to the winners who may select any pilot in the Flying Club to fly them on a 20-minute flight over the college and surrounding territory. The drawing will take place at the dance Saturday night.

The following Middlebury merchants are offering prizes to the winners of the events: Farrell's Clothing Store, a seven dollar pair of pigskin gloves; Park Drug Store, a pair of army specification sun glasses; Rich's Record and Radio Shop, an album of popular records. The Park

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Senior Week Program Scheduled For June 13-16

Senior Week Chairmen

Jeannette E. Cunningham '47

Charles J. Parker '47

Activities Include Cane Ceremony, Alumni Barbecue

The activities of Middlebury's traditional Senior Week will begin on June 13, it was announced last Monday by Charles J. Parker and Jeannette E. Cunningham, co-chairmen of the Senior Week committee. The four days of dinners, drama, ceremonies, and services will end with the college's 147th commencement exercises in Mead Chapel on Monday, June 16, 10.30 a.m.

Senior Week officially opens Friday with alumni registration in the afternoon and a performance of the commencement play and the senior ball in the evening.

The commencement play committee headed by co-chairmen Willard W. Chase and Janet E. Rogers has planned for repeat performances both Friday and Saturday nights of the spring play, "Philadelphia Story," now going into production.

Ray Sacher and Nancy C. Surtees, in charge of plans to make senior ball bigger and better than ever, are expecting a full house of seniors and guests Friday night. They will open the doors of a transformed McCullough gymnasium at 9.00 p.m.

On Saturday the seniors participate in two of the most important ceremonies of Senior Week, class day and reunion barbecue. Class day officially opens at 9.30 a.m., with the daisy chain ceremony. During the morning Phi Beta Kappa keys are awarded, the planting of the tree takes place, seniors review their past with the historians, Emilio P. Ferrari and Joanne E. Buckeridge, and seniors hear their class orator speak.

Saturday noon the traditional reunion barbecue will be held on the women's athletic field. Many of the alumni are expected back and will have a chance to renew acquaintances with the graduating seniors. Everett K. Hicks and Marjory A. Nelson, co-chairmen of the barbecue, plan to have carnival concessions run by various professors to lend a gay atmosphere to the scene.

Sunday's activities include the Baccalaureate service, the twilight musicale and the Cane ceremony. At the latter the senior women pass on to the juniors their responsibility as the highest class in college. The concrete symbol of authority, the cane, is given to the juniors with a musical farewell.

Monday at 10.15 a.m., the seniors move up chapel walk for the last time in the commencement procession led by two junior marshals who are yet to be named. At 10.30 a.m., commencement exercises take place in Mead Chapel.

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A. Ashley to Attend Magazine's Forum

Alice L. Ashley '47 has been appointed student delegate to a college forum on Soviet-American relations sponsored by *Mademoiselle* magazine. The conference will be held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City on Saturday.

The forum, fourth in a series, has been undertaken in order "to clarify for the college woman the greatest issue of the postwar period — Soviet-American relations." It will be attended by student representatives from leading colleges all over the United States.

The student delegates were chosen as outstanding representatives of their schools, on the basis of recommendations by their deans, faculties, and student leaders.

The student representatives will be addressed at the forum by some of the country's leading authorities on international relations and by internationally-known journalists and foreign correspondents. They, themselves, will participate in group discussions of the issues involved.

SIGMA ALPHA GOES ALPHA TAU OMEGA

Sigma Alpha fraternity will be initiated Sunday, April 27, as the Epsilon Mu chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. At 11.00 a.m., following the formal initiation, there will be a special service in Mead Memorial Chapel. The service is open to the public and all are invited to attend.

President Samuel S. Stratton will be the speaker; Dean W. Storrs Lee will also take part in the devotions. Officials of the national fraternity will be present, and representatives from many New England colleges will attend.

A musical program will be presented, featuring soloists from the student body. The service will last approximately one hour.

College Activities To Be Presented In New Magazine

"Campus Parade," a national magazine written by and for college students, including written material on college activities exclusively, will begin publication next September.

The purpose of the magazine is to inform college students of the outstanding events in their collegiate world, to stimulate their interest in and knowledge of other colleges and universities as well as their own, to aid them in understanding and becoming acquainted with the attitudes and opinions of students in the different sections of the country, and to portray their academic pursuits and extra-curricular activities.

The outstanding feature of the *"Campus Parade"* is that it will be solely for college students and will contain the things they want to read.

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Student Government Dilemma

In response to a letter submited to her by the Women's Assembly, Mrs. Woodward spoke to that body shortly before vacation, expressing her ideas about the student request for certain changes in their Constitution. Chief among the student suggestions was that a provision be made so that the temporary approval of the Advisory Committee could be gained for a measure that the students feel should be given a trial.

The purpose of Mrs. Woodward's talk was to explain the true function of the Advisory Committee, which she felt had been lost through the years. This function was to help the students pass measures which would be satisfactory both to themselves and the administration. In order to resume this function, Mrs. Woodward suggested the strengthening of relations between the two bodies, by more joint discussion of assembly business.

Admittedly the great obstacle to any understanding between the Advisory Committee and the Assembly at this time, is the lack of joint discussion. They function as two separate bodies. This, of course, makes it hard for either group to know the motives and reasoning of the other. The first step toward mutual understanding must be a plan for personal meetings of the Advisory Committee with a representative committee of the Assembly. This would at least establish more than a passing acquaintance between the two.

Here, however, the joint discussion of business should be before any final action is taken in the Assembly. If the Assembly solicited the opinion of the Advisory Committee before a motion was passed their ideas on the matter might be helpful to the Assembly in deciding what form the motion would take. Conversely, when the motion is presented to the committee for approval, they will have previously had some dealing with the matter, and know what the students have in mind, thus influencing their considerations. These steps would greatly improve the advisory system as it now stands, but what of the future?

Will student government continue to be a recommendation committee to the Advisory Committee, and will the disapproval of the Advisory Committee continue to render inactive a measure passed by the Assembly? This new understanding which would develop would lessen the number of times that this would happen, but nevertheless the committee would continue to hold that power. Is this the ultimate aim of Student Government on our campus? Student government should be an autonomous body who make, exercise and repeal their own rules, with the advice of an advisory committee. But is this conception practical here at Middlebury? What could be the solution to a draw between the Advisory Committee and the Assembly? *If, after the proper procedure of a passing vote, and the disapproval by the Advisory Committee, the measure is passed a second time by a three-fourths majority of the Assembly, it should be tried out during a probationary period by the Women's College, to ascertain if the measure is workable.* If, at the end of the period, the measure does not work to the satisfaction of the Advisory Committee and the Assembly, then they will be justified in disapproving the measure. Does it seem right, that now after the disapproval of the Advisory Committee a measure is dropped, even though it is approved by three-quarters of the Women's College? If a probationary system is used, in such a case the women would be given an opportunity to prove that they are right.

What can we expect right now? There is no barrier to immediate establishment of a student committee to meet with the Advisory Committee to promote greater understanding between the two groups. This will lead to a mutual trust and respect that should make possible the temporary approval of the Committee for measures which the students wish to try on the probationary system. *Any changes made at this time, without the avowed intention of this ultimate procedure, will only lead to a more efficient student recommendation body.*

An effective Student Government should appear long before that visionary age when "our daughters sip their cocktails at the bar in Gifford Hall." In fact it would be fatal to wait for any length of time. Since the student body of the college changes every four years, as soon as the preparatory steps are taken by joint meeting with the Advisory Committee, it will be possible to initiate a probationary system. This means not five years from now, not three years from now, but next year at the very latest.

Vermont Concert Symphony Review

Margaret D. Armstrong '47

The Middlebury College Concert-Lecture Series came to a close Tuesday evening with a program by the Vermont Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Professor Alan Carter. The performance as a whole was exceptionally good, and the audience seemed to realize it.

Of the two Bach compositions which opened the program, "Adagio from Toccata and Fugue in C Major" and "Komm Susser Tod," the first seemed to be better handled by the orchestra. From the opening chord onto the climax, the expression, with the restraint which is in keeping with the temper of Bach's work, gave an intensity of feeling. "Komm Susser Tod" was well performed, but after the close perfection of the "Adagio" it lost some of its power. To play Bach well is a feat; to play an orchestral transcription of Bach's organ music, while keeping the spirit of the original, is more of a feat.

The main work on the program, Brahms' "Symphony No. 1, Opus 68 in C minor," was, to put it mildly, an ambitious work for an orchestra made up primarily of people who follow music as an avocation. Both Mr. Carter and the orchestra members deserve high praise for the fine performance. With risk of bringing down the wrath of the New York Philharmonic Society, we venture to suggest that the tempos taken in the four movements were much more in keeping with the spirit of the symphony than the hurried ones of Stokowski last Sunday.

The "Sonate en Concert" of Vivaldi, played by Dan Farnsworth, first cellist of the symphony, has been heard before on the campus, but it is a work which is enjoyed more and more each time it is heard. Mr. Farnsworth's technique shone through his ability to interpret the four contrasting movements.

The familiar "Polka and Fugue from 'Shvanda'" should need no introduction. Both audience and orchestra seemed to enjoy it.

College participants played well, especially Mortimer Harmon in the third movement of the Brahms, and Woodford Garrigus in the "Swan of Tuonela" by Sibelius.

Wagner's "Rienzi" overture was satisfactory, but definitely not the high point of the evening. While the brass section did some good work, the orchestra as a whole seemed to lack the enthusiasm they had had.

Mr. Carter is to be commended for the fine work he has done with the orchestra. The program was well chosen, and the performance memorable for its balance and fine conception of feeling.

Calendar

Thursday, April 24

6 p.m. Junior class banquet.
8 p.m. Speech contest.

Friday, April 25

4.30 p.m. CAMPUS editorial staff meeting.
Apr. 25-27 Student Union Conference.

Saturday, April 26

3 p.m. Midd vs. R. P. I. baseball game here.
5-7.30 p.m. Sigma Kappa supper dance.
5-8 p.m. Alpha Xi Delta supper dance.
8-11 p.m. Alpha Sigma Phi informal.
8-11 p.m. Chi Psi informal.
8-11 p.m. Delta Upsilon informal.
8-11 p.m. Theta Chi informal.
8-11 p.m. Delta Kappa Epsilon informal.
8-11 p.m. French Club formal.

Sunday, April 27

7.15 p.m. Men's and Women's Assembly meetings.
6 p.m. Faculty-Senior dinner and entertainment.

Monday, April 28

4 p.m. Midd vs. Williams baseball game at Williams.

Tuesday, April 29

4.30 p.m. Midd vs. Union baseball game at Schenectady.

Wednesday, April 30

7 p.m. Skyline program.
4.45 p.m. Panhell meeting at Forest East.
4.30 p.m. CAMPUS staff meeting.
8 p.m. Drama Group of Goddard College presents two one-act plays, matinee in the afternoon.

Opinions of the Week

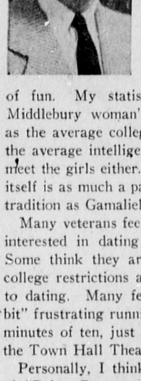
1. "What do you think of Middlebury women?"

Richard H. Stokes, Term 2, major, Political Science.

Maybe I am sticking my neck out when I start to criticize the women of this college for none of us are perfect and least of all the men's college. Now to go on with the plot. I first find that Middlebury women are egotistical and self-centered. They seem to stride around the campus as if they were doing the world a great favor and also seem to expect that we should doff our caps and bow low as they sweep past. Of all the groups of women I have ever run up against this bunch here at Middlebury has least cause to adopt that attitude.

My second thought on the subject is that many of them are uninteresting and dull. They have the personalities of dead mackerel and the characters of jellyfish—no spines. In other words they have not got the courage of their convictions in any sense of the word. So there you are and if the shoe fits, wear it.

Willard W. Chase, Term 8, major, History.



I'm beginning to wonder about my own qualifications in answering this question. The sign on my dormitory door does read, "The Lover" but it's all a jest (believe me). It would be difficult to live up to this reputation in Middlebury. . . .

I wish I knew more Middlebury women better. I have a passing acquaintance with a good - sized cross section, though, and I find them all friendly and a lot of fun. My statistics show that "the Middlebury woman" is as good looking as the average college woman, and above the average intelligence. It's not hard to meet the girls either. The passing "hello" itself is as much a part of the Middlebury tradition as Gamaliel Painter's Cane.

Many veterans feel that they just aren't interested in dating Middlebury women. Some think they are too childish. The college restrictions are not too conducive to dating. Many fellows find it a "wee bit" frustrating running up the hill at two minutes of ten, just having dashed out of the Town Hall Theatre.

Personally, I think there is still plenty of "Poise, Posture, and Personality" on campus—and I'm for it.

2. "What do you think of Middlebury men?"

Anne Margaret Clarke, Term 6, major, French.

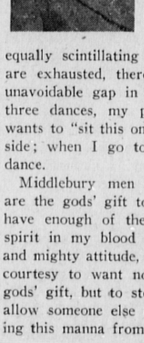
They're wonderful! At least most of them are. They're polite, gentlemanly and cooperative. For the last few dances, shows, and parties, a great many of the girls have signed up for committees.

It's the first year in several that the girls have not had to plan and carry out all extracurricular activities by ourselves. For the last play, we had more men than women trying out for parts.

Besides, they're intelligent and wonderfully entertaining. At times they resort to practical jokes, as when they broke the fire alarm in one of the girls' dorms at quarter of ten and all the inmates ran out pajama-clad.

Compared with the Navy men of two years ago, they're superb! All my ideas concerning politics, economics and world affairs have changed radically because of the eloquent arguments set forth by some of our illustrious men. Handsome, brilliant, intelligent—truly, they're unbeatable—and I mean it!

Irene H. Uhmer, Term 4, major English



Middlebury campus seems to me to be totally lacking in what is known in the South as gentlemen, a term evidently applied differently in New England.

My biggest peeve is the languid dullness of the average Middlebury man. A quiet evening discussing the validity of one's date's hitch in the service is all right occasionally, but I have discovered that when that fascinating topic and the equally scintillating subject of free love are exhausted, there is a startling and unavoidable gap in conversation. After three dances, my partner is tired and wants to "sit this one out," meaning outside; when I go to dance, I intend to dance.

Middlebury men are convinced they are the gods' gift to women, and I still have enough of the southern rebellious spirit in my blood to resent their high and mighty attitude, and enough southern courtesy to want not just to share the gods' gift, but to step gallantly aside to allow someone else the honor of receiving this manna from the heavens.

News In Paragraphs

Election for president of Men's Undergraduate Association will take place the first or second week of May under the direction of the Men's Assembly. Any student who has completed five semesters, three of which must have been at Middlebury, and is not otherwise ineligible, will be eligible for the office.

The musical program of the Midd chamber players was broadcast this afternoon from Pearsons living room over two Vermont stations. These radio presentations will continue for the next two Thursday afternoons.

The portion of the programs broadcast can be heard from 4.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. over the Waterbury station, WDEV, or the St. Albans station, WWSR. In one of these musicales, sponsored by the music department, the Middlebury choir will be featured.

The Navy Department has announced a program under which college graduates may apply for commissions in the Supply Corps and Civil Engineer Corps of the United States Navy. Applications are now being received from students between the ages of 21 and 25 who will graduate this June. More detailed information may be obtained at the Dean's Office or from the Director, Naval Officer Procurement, U. S. Post Office and Court House, Post Office Square, Boston 9, Mass.

Daniel W. Whitfield '50 was fined $75 by the Burlington Municipal Court on Saturday, April 19. He was charged with operating an aircraft at an altitude of less than 500 feet in such a manner as to endanger the lives of persons on the ground. The violation took place over Dog Team Tavern where Whitfield lives. The fine consisted of $25 for the first charge and $50 for the second plus costs of $7.90.

Charles J. Parker '47 and Roswell T. Edwards '49 will represent the Middlebury Debating team at R. P. I. and Syracuse University, April 25 and 26. They will speak on the affirmative side of the question: Resolved: That all the political activities of the Communist party should legally be curtailed.

The French Club will sponsor a formal dance to be given in the grand salon of the Chateau on Saturday, April 26 from 8.00 to 12.00. The Chateau will be fully decorated for the event and the music will be victrola records. The dance is limited to club members and their guests.

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Midd Nine Opens Season Sat. With R. P. I.

Rambling With Rumbold

Saturday the baseball season officially opens with the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as the opposition, but, unofficially, baseball season has been open here since before vacation. All year students have been talking about their favorite professional teams and names like Durocher, Hartung, Musial, Reiser, Berra, Williams, and DiMaggio have been heard frequently. But now with professors starting to talk about baseball in explaining a principle or theory or to get a point over to the students more clearly, I guess we can say the season is officially here.

Baseball has a special place in American life that no other sport can rival. It is the only sport for which the president sets a day aside in order to open the season by throwing out the first ball. The war and state departments have used baseball as a morale builder and a good-will ambassador. The army of occupation encourages the soldiers in Germany to teach the children there the national pastime of our country. We all are familiar with the many teams that have made post-season trips to Japan, England, and France and have come back highly lauded for their commendable relationships during their visits. But few people realize that a war was responsible for baseball being our national pastime.

Baseball Formulated in 1839

We have to go back to 1839 to start this story for it was at that time Colonel Abner Doubleday in Cooperstown, N. Y., formulated the game from One Old Cat, a game that many of us have played without realizing its relationship to baseball. But it wasn't until June 19, 1846, that the first contest on record was played. Early history shows that on a little field in Hoboken, N. J., the Knickerbockers defeated the New York Nine, 23-1. This started the formation of other teams and soon a team from Brooklyn, the Excelsiors, made a trip through the Middle West and started teams playing in the towns where they played their exhibitions.

At the outbreak of the Civil War baseball at first was forgotten, but it was not long before the Union soldiers were playing behind the lines. As the war progressed the Union soldiers in search of new competition taught the Confederate soldiers the game, forgetting temporarily their animosities. And when General Lee surrendered to the Union forces at Appomattox, the Confederate soldiers carried home in their disgruntled hearts a love for a new game which they were to teach those at home to love. But for this incident where two armies at war with each other forgot their grievences long enough to play a friendly game, there probably would be fewer of the millions who wait in high expectation for the month of April and the cry of "Play Ball."

An Ageless Sport

You also realize that baseball is an ageless sport and one that enhances a feeling of deep enthusiasm and loyalty when you read of a man 106 years old traveling under doctor's care from Philadelphia to Detroit just to see a baseball game in which his favorite player will perform.

This is a Middlebury opener and there are many stories of former Midd teams that will be long remembered by those who saw them. One of these involves another opening home game in which two men, who are now on campus, took part.

It was the season of 1941 and Midd had gotten off to a dismal start, losing three straight games. In contrast Williams, the team they were to play, had had a very successful start with victories over such teams as N. Y. U. and Colgate. The New York and Boston newspapers were writing about big league scouts on the trail of some of the Williams players.

On the day of the game the Williams team went through their warm-up practice confident and they had a right to be with such an impressive record. Coach "Red" Kelly named Harry VanGaasbeck to pitch and a freshman, who had just completed skiing as the star of the team after being outstanding on the undefeated freshman football team, to start at shortstop in his first game.

At the outset of the game it was soon evident that it was going to be a pitchers battle. VanGaasbeck was exhibiting all the poise and control that you would expect of a major leaguer as he set down the Williams' batters. Due to some untimely errors, the Panthers found themselves on the short end of the score though they had scored single runs in the first and fourth

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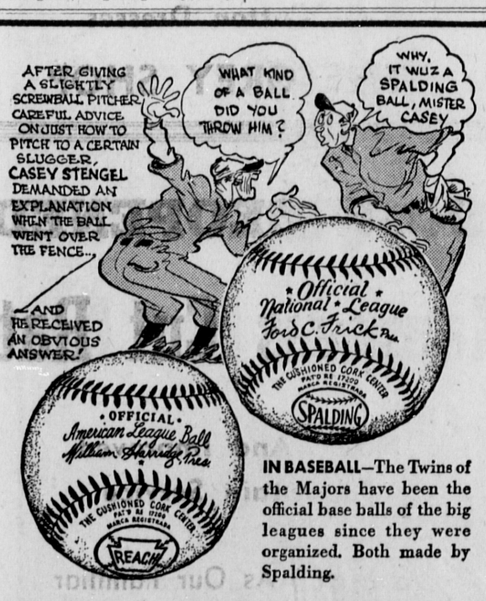
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Coach Dick Ciccolella and Captain Tom Cruess talk over the prospects for the opening game Saturday against Rensselaer.

Trackmen Meet Williams Ephmen At Williamstown

The Panther track team journeys to Williamstown, Mass., Saturday to open the 1947 track season against the Ephmen of Williams College. This meet inaugurates the first post-war track meet of both colleges and promises to continue the hard fought rivalry between the Ephmen and the men of Midd.

The best race of the afternoon should be the 440 if Coach Brown allows "Fuzzy" Stebbins to match his stride against the Williams "speedster," Kevin Delaney. During the indoor winter season Delaney established himself as one of the best college anchormen in New England competition.

The Middlebury field events men will be operating at a disadvantage when they vie to gander points against the always well trained, strong men of Williams. The Purple have an indoor cage in which to train, while Midd is handicapped with insufficient facilities to practice indoors during the familiar Vermont spring weather.

Coach Brown is taking his full track team to Williamstown from which he hopes to develop a nucleus that will adapt themselves to the winning ways of former cinder teams.

MIDD SAILING TEAM WINS SECOND PLACE

Last Sunday, the Middlebury Sailing Club raced through a snow and sleet storm to bring the college a second place at the St. Charles Yacht Basin in Boston. The triangular meet was hotly contested with little distance between the first and third place crews.

Race Results

Wesleyan took first place with a total of 36 points; Middlebury took second with 35 points; and Bowdoin was third with 33 points. Each school entered three crews, a total of nine boats.

Originally six races were scheduled, but after the first race the program was cut to three events. As the weather grew progressively worse, the racing committee halted the affair at the conclusion of the second race. It continued to snow and sleet throughout the afternoon making it impossible to resume the meet.

Crew Members

The Middlebury crews consisted of Bill Johnson, captain, and Emmy Standish, crew member; Hal Richardson and Bidge Morse; and Bob Bennitt and Joan Kenyon.

In a meet held April 13, also at the St. Charles Yacht Basin, Middlebury placed fourth. This was the opening meet of the season and it was held under very adverse weather conditions.

The weather has also held up sailing on Lake Champlain. Commodore Dave Stagg has had the boats ready for a month, but Vermont's springtime winter has held up the launchings.

The Intramural Trophy

Art Buettner

Last Monday's freezing weather and a twenty-five knot breeze, which were reminiscent of February, curtailed the start of the league softball season and also caused the postponing of the finals of the board track mile medley, a leftover from the pre-Easter scene.

Decathlon

Coach Brown is continuing to pick up new possibilities for his 1947 track team as the results of the individual events of the decathlon are tabulated. One case of a dark horse running away with honors arose last Saturday when freshman Al Caswell tossed the discus 107 ft. 6 in. to clean up on his older and more experienced rivals. The coaching staff has never failed to emphasize the importance of the decathlon in finding new material, and this seems to have been borne out by Saturday's results in the discus.

Fred Kracke, a February entree to Middlebury, took second place away from weight man, Marty Wittlin, whose best effort netted him a close third. Dix Hemphill and Wally Faber followed in fourth and fifth positions.

With the cinders in extremely poor condition and a high wind sweeping across Porter Field, smoothly striding Dave Stebbins stepped out of his role as top man in the middle distance events and annexed the mile run title in 4:55.8. Stebbins is undoubtedly one of the few all-around track men in the history of Middlebury College. His name deserves to be placed among other such talented track stars as Prof. R. L. Cook and Johnny Hicks.

Dave Dale captured second place in the mile run, leaving George Hartz and Jim

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Power Lies In Catching; Strong Infield

Competition for Positions Raises Team's Chances For Approaching Season

Midd's baseball season opens Saturday afternoon at three o'clock on the home diamond, with the highly touted R. P. I. Engineers furnishing the opposition. Having their first game behind them, and seven of last year's team holding down positions, the Troy aggregation should be a difficult one to beat.

The Middmen have been practicing since their return from spring vacation, but the cold, wet weather has handicapped them severely. As of last week, they have had but four practices. This situation has made it impossible for Coach Ciccolella to either get an accurate line on his hitting power or to nominate a starting hurler for Saturday's encounter. In an intra-squad practice game last Saturday, the hits were numerous. However, the pitchers were unable to bear down fully because of the cold wind that swept across the diamond.

The infield has shaped up rapidly and undoubtedly will be strong defensively. When they take the field Saturday, the probable starting line-up will be as follows: Gid LaCroix at first, Che-Che Barquin at second, Jack Mulcahy at shortstop, and Paul Kailey at third. In Jim Sheehan, Ciccolella has a capable all-around utility infielder to fill any spot in the inner defense. As added insurance for LaCroix at first base is Walt Maurer, while Kailey faces hot competition for the third base job from Dex Whittinghill, Tom Turner, and Jack Barry.

In the outfield the positions are pretty well sewed up by Jack Valentine, Dick Buonerba, and Sam Masters, reading from left to right field. Other flyhawks bidding for positions are Dave Ryan, Ted Guglin, Bill Crantz, Fred Neuberger, Pete Benedict, Will Gerschman, Walt Staloff, and Gil Myrick.

The catching position looms as the Panther strong point with John Cobisiero slated to do the bulk of the receiving, and Captain Tom Crues on hand to offer assistance and take up the slack.

Pitching looms as Ciccolella's main problem. With 12 candidates to choose from, it usually wouldn't be a difficult job to select a capable mound staff, but as yet none of the candidates has shown any outstanding ability. Within the next week Coach Ciccolella will have to make his selections. The pitchers bidding for the open berths are: Don Barclay, Bill McKinley, Ferd Vetare, Bob Trimmer, Tony Monaco, Jack Henty, Warren Frost, Herb Broner, Harry Fife, Jim Nugent, and Frank Haven.

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Alumni Note

Bernard Chazen, who attended Middlebury in 1943-44 under the Navy V-12 program, participated recently in the annual Moot Court competition of the School of Law at Columbia University.

He is vice-chairman of the Moot Court committee.

Rambling With Rumbold

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innings. To start the last half of the sixth Ed Yeomans walked and Whity Hawes soon followed him down to first base. With the Midd shortstop at bat the pitcher balked and the runners advanced to second and third, to then be driven home by a rousing single from the new player's bat. The third baseman then came up and looped a single over the right side of the infield to put the runner on third. This brought VanGaasbeck up to the plate. The crowd yelled "Come on, Van" and come through he did as he lined a single out of the infield to score the man on third for the run that was to be the deciding margin in this upset victory.

The shortstop who scored that all important run was Bob Sheehan, present Midd coach, and the third baseman who put Bob in scoring position was Tom Turner, one of Coach Ciccolella's candidates for that same position.

Students to Offer Diverse Talents In Variety Show

Singing, dancing, and comedy will be featured in a variety show presented by and for students May 17 at 8.00 p.m., in the high school gym, as one of the features of Junior Weekend.

The proceeds of the show, which is similar to those presented by Navy V-12 units in former days at Middlebury, will be donated to the Memorial Fund.

Original music and acts have been written and will be directed by students. Students are also invited to volunteer for parts in the show. Sign-up sheets have been posted in Munroe hall. Many good spots are still available to those interested.

NOTICE

The Department of State will hold competitive written examinations for appointments of foreign service officers, Class 6, September 22-25. This examination is open to men and women 21-35 years of

Candidates who pass the written examination will be given an oral and a physical examination in the early part of 1948, after which final appointments will be made.

A circular describing the program is available for interested students in the dean of men's office.

SENIOR WEEK PROGRAM

Friday, June 13

2.00- 8.00 p.m. Alumni Registration—Starr Library.
8.15 p.m. Commencement Play—College Playhouse.
9.00 p.m. Senior Ball—McCullough Gymnasium.

Saturday, June 14

9.30 a.m. Class Day Ceremonies—Lower Campus.
10.00 a.m. Trustees' Meeting—Old Chapel.
11.00 a.m. Alumnae Association Open Meeting—Forest Hall.
11.00 a.m. Alumni Council Open Meeting—Gifford Hall.
12.30 p.m. Reunion Barbecue—Women's Athletic Field.
4.00- 6.00 p.m. Informal Reception—President's House.
6.00 p.m. Class Reunion Dinners.
9.00 p.m. Commencement Play—College Playhouse.
8.00-11.45 p.m. Alumni Informal Dance—McCullough Gymnasium.

Sunday, June 15

10.45 a.m. Baccalaureate Service—Mead Chapel.
12.30 p.m. Phi Beta Kappa Luncheon—Middlebury Inn.
5.00 p.m. Twilight Musicale—Mead Chapel.
7.30 p.m. Cane Ceremony—Forest Hall Arcade.
8.15 p.m. College Movies—Mead Chapel.

Monday, June 16

10.15 a.m. Commencement Procession.
10.30 a.m. 147th Commencement Exercises.

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The Intramural Trophy

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Newman in a third place tie. Rufe Cushman was fifth.

Dix Hemphill went over the bamboo bar at 10 ft. 6 in. to slide into his first place spot in the pole vault. Hal Parker, a versatile track man, garnered second, and Don Zaumzeil third. A three-way tie resulted in the number four position with Norm Joslin, Don Gilmore and Judd Ford splitting the points.

The competition in the broad jump went to Jo Lamere with his stretch of 18 ft. 9 in. Irv Meeker followed up with a second, Charlie Morris third, Don Colyer fourth and Don Gilmore fifth.

High Men in Decathelon

With the completion of Saturday's four events Dave Stebbins '47, track co-captain, held a two-point margin with twenty-four points for first place. Dix Hemphill's ten points in the pole vault and his timely placing in other events amounted to twenty-two for second. Marty Wittlin and Fred Kracke, each with sixteen counters, were tied for third, and Hal Parker was one point behind in fourth.

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The sugaring was held in the sugar grove behind the Broad Loaf Summer School to which sweet-toothed students were conveyed in Mountain Club trucks. In a clearing flanked on all sides by maple trees was a fire over which bubbled a huge vat filled with light amber liquid.

Two attendents stirred the bubbling sap until all the water had boiled off. The syrup was then ladled into the tin cups provided by each student. After a few semi-successful experiments, most of the participants discovered the correct procedure for making edible sugar out of the syrup. This consists of putting the cup in a bank of snow and beating the liquid with a spoon or stick until it reaches the consistency of thick molasses. Then it can either be dumped on a patch of snow and eaten like taffy or beaten still further until it granulates. Whatever the process, the sugar was eagerly consumed by the students, together with the traditional dill pickles and doughnuts.

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The cast runs as follows: *Tracy Lord*, Emily V. McLaughlin '50; *Dinah Lord*, Eleanor A. Flett '50; *Seth Lord*, James B. Van Wart '48; *Margaret Lord*, Virginia Calhoun '59; *Sandy Lord*, Robert L. Kaufman '50; *Macaulay Connor*, Eugene H. Miller '48; *Liz Imbrie*, Doris A. Palm '48; *C. K. Dexter Haven*, Harold P. Barnes '49; *George Kittredge*, Richard H. Stokes '50; *Thomas*, Ernest A. Lawson '49; *Elsie*, Sally L. Peck '48; *May*, Anne M. Clarke '48; *Edward*, Donald E. Fowler '48; and *Mac*, Guilford Myrick '49.

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Rev. Horace F. Holton of Boston has been invited by the college to be Sunday's guest speaker at vespers. Dr. Holton at present is the executive secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Pastoral Supply, an agency which assists the New England churches in finding new ministers and helping ministers find pulpits.

Dr. Holton, a graduate of Amherst College and Yale Divinity School, began his ministry as a home missionary in Kansas City, where he built up a large congregation and helped secure funds for additions to the church building. He was pastor of the St. Louis Congregational Church and chairman of the St. Louis Federation of Churches, which has become perhaps the largest and most progressive federation in the country advocating closer interchurch and inter-denomination of relations. He was formerly a member of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

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The Athletic Council on March 25 decided that the Major "M" sweater to be awarded in the future will be the coat type. Each winner of a Major "M" award will have his choice of either a white sweater with a blue letter or a blue sweater with a white letter. It was ruled also that only one sweater will be awarded to a man regardless of how many Major "M" awards he wins. Letter winners from other years will be eligible for the new sweater.

The following men were awarded Major "M's" in Basketball: Ed Works, Jack McGarry, captain; Mert Stevens, captain-elect; Bob Brown; Phil Turnbull; Walt Nelson; and Tom Whalen. The following men will receive J.V. letters: Jim Beck, Bob Homkey, Harry Mapes, Bill Hentz, Steve Judson, Bob Trimmer, Tom Divoll, Walt Maurer, Bill Miller, and Ernie Zimmerman.

Major "M's" in skiing were awarded to the following: captain-elect, Tink Bailey, Don Henderson, Paul Kailey, Fred Neuberger, Phil Deane, and Jack Valentine.

At a previous meeting of the council, Mike Mann and Milt Pike were awarded Major "M's" for cheerleading; minor letters were awarded to Chuck Wright and Dex Whittinghill. At the same meeting, Dave Stagg presented a point system for awarding minor letters for members of Sailing Club to the council for approval.

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News in Paragraphs

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A film based on the novel "Days and Nights" by Konstantine Simonov was shown at the Russian Club meeting Wednesday evening, April 23. The showing was attended by members of the club as well as other Midd students.

Those veterans who served between October 8, 1940 and September 2, 1945, are eligible for G. I. insurance whether they had this protection while in service or not. This is a recent announcement made by the V. A. in its drive to persuade veterans to reinstate lapsed National Service Life Insurance policies.

The insurance is available either under the "term" plan, applicable during the war, or under any of the six permanent types of the "converted" plan.

The proposed United States $400,000,000 loan to Greece and Turkey was discussed last Friday at a meeting of the I. R. C. The topic was introduced to the meeting by Virginia M. Knudsen '48, president of the club, John M. Hale '48, and Floralie J. King '47. Their presentation of the facts was followed by a general discussion. Mr. Charles L. Hoag, of the political science department, added some information to clarify the issues involved.

In a radio debate on April 29, the Debating Team will compete with Norwich University. John M. Hale '48 and Margaret D. Armstrong '47 will debate on the affirmative side of the question, Resolved: That the profit motive as a dominant force in American life is not in the best interests of the nation. Roswell T. Edwards '49 will be the chairman.

The Veterans Administration wants to call the attention of student veterans to the September 1, deadline for filing claims for settlement of unused military leave. All veterans who have not applied for their terminal leave payments are advised to act immediately to avoid delays which might result from an increased number of applications just prior to the deadline.

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SAMUEL STRATTON COMPLETES VISITS TO EASTERN ALUMS

President Samuel S. Stratton completed his schedule of visits to alumni groups in the eastern United States last week after attending dinners in Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Washington, D. C., and Bridgeport, Conn.

Accompanied by Stanley V. Wright '18, associate director of the Memorial Fund, President Stratton made a stop en route to the Philadelphia dinner in Atlantic City for a dinner with Middlebury graduates who were attending their annual convention of the American Chemical Society.

Mrs. Stratton joined President Stratton for the dinner of the Connecticut alumni and alumnae at the Barnum Hotel in Bridgeport on April 18 where Ruth A. Hesselgrave '18, teacher in the Warren Harding High.

Silence Rule Lifted In Starr Library Main Study Room

Mrs. Margaret W. Fayer, college librarian, announced this week the discontinuance of the enforced silence rule in the main reading room of Starr Library.

This change was made because the library staff feels that with a mature student body, aware of its obligations, such a rule is unnecessary. The library staff has long disliked the responsibility of keeping order and silence. This responsibility is now in the hands of the students, who must now maintain order themselves to whatever degree they find necessary.

The library staff hopes that this attempt to extend further the student honor system will be welcomed by the students.

BLUE KEY ELECTS PAUL VYRROS '48 AS NEW PRESIDENT

Paul J. Vyrros '48, was elected president of Blue Key, men's honorary society, succeeding Thomas F. Cruess '47, at a meeting April 17. Donald B. McGuire, Jr. '48, was elected secretary-treasurer, succeeding Cecil H. Steen '47.

The present membership of Blue Key is 20. Of these, all but five will graduate in June. Tapping for new members will take place at daily chapel about the middle of May. The quota set by the organization for the classes is as follows: five seniors, fifteen juniors, five sophomores. However, the full quota is rarely filled.

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